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Most of the pictures on the preceding page were taken on 19 October 2005, when the Black Belts of the Lean-Quality Department and the Green Belts that assisted them, delivered project presentations to a Qualification Board as part of the final step in receiving full Black Belt qualification. The Board consisted of: CAPT Joseph Giaquinto, Commander, IHDIV/NSWC; Jerry LaCamera, Technical Operations Manager; Gail Stine, Business Director; Mo Ibrahim, Lean-Quality Department Head; and two alternating Department Heads. The Board was assisted by personnel from Bridgewater Management Consultants, which conducted the Black Belt training.

This was the second “phase” of the Black Belts’ journey. The first phase was accomplished on 9 March, when the first class of NAVSEA Black Belts were presented with training completion certificates by VADM Philip Balisle, Commander, NAVSEA, at a ceremony at the Washington Navy Yard.

Congratulations to all ten employees – the Board accepted all presentations, which fulfilled their final qualification step in becoming full Black Belts. The Black Belts, Green Belts, and their projects are listed below.

Black Belts	Black Belt Project Title	Project Description	Green Belts
Bumgarner, Scott	Vendor Certification & Payment	Increase on-time payments to 100% and eliminate interest penalties and enhance IH image as friendly to small business and as a partner.	Appleby, Tim; Bruce, Denise; Slaughter, Judy
Burrows, Karen	Coated HMX Make/Buy Decision	Eliminate 12 HMX coating mixes associated with the production of Mk125 Warheads beginning in FY05.	Gray, Samantha
Edgin, Jennifer	Explosive Material Receipt Process Improvement	To streamline and simplify the scales receipt process to increase productivity, reduce errors, reduce processing time, and decrease cost.	----
Geckle, Raymond (Ray)	SOP Change Process	Identify non-value added steps and eliminate waste from the SOP change process	Green, Terrie; Woods, Johna
Gigon, Edna	Optimizing Procurement Strategies for Material within Dept 20	Reduce transactional costs of procurements. Reduce the number of transactions for the same types of products.	Gray, Samantha; Jolly, Willie
Hungerford, John; Matteson, Jeffrey	Utility Consumption	IHDIV wastes utilities and maintenance costs by continuing to provide uninterrupted services to facilities and equipment in low or inactive status.- Areas that are no longer used. - Equipment running unnecessarily. - Distribution system problems.	Backes, John; Schuppel, Joe; Torres, Yolanda
Kaminski, Damaris	On-Station Explosive Material Movement	Streamline and simplify the on-station material movement process by reducing the movement time and minimizing paperwork handling. (In/Out of Code 2250 Magazines)	Blake, Raymond (Levi); Knott, Christine
Moore, Norman	Motor Vehicles Leasing	Determine best budget and Right mix of vehicles/MHE for customer demand. Best vehicle utilization arrangements. Vehicle conversion costs. Vehicle turn in process.	Bankhead, Anthony; Loucas, Paula
Ross, Jonathan	Improve MK 125 Warhead Production Scheduling	Determine the root causes for production and process cycle time variability. Establish a new process that reduces production cycle time and within lot process variability to meet new customer delivery requirements.	Bernadette (Bernie)

Keep your mind open to change all the time. Welcome it. Court it.

- Dale Carnegie

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